

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

June 2, 2022, Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/8HW1PKRZ7p4>

AGENDA

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Randy Dearth, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– J. Shirley, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Conflict of Interest
- Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations
• Parker Mountain Sage-grouse hunt
- Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Landowner Rule Amendments – R657-43
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Wildlife Board Motions

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Progress on changes to statute for the poaching of a swan

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into changing statute to reflect a 7-year waiting period for poaching a swan and have the division report back. This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Wyatt Bubak
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: December 2, 2021

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Possibility of a 3-year season structure for Big Game seasons and hunter orange regulation reforms

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into a 3-year season structure for big game season dates and the possibilities of hunter orange regulation reforms (including amount required, what other states allow etc.) This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
Assigned to: Covy Jones and Wyatt Bubak
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: December 2, 2021

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Establish a Technology Effectiveness Committee

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to establish a Technology Effectiveness Committee to form a structural process to address and outline issues relating to the use of hunting technologies. This committee should set a long term plan to address issues such as weapon success and restrictions, use of guides/scouts, use of range-finders and other technology, and any other issues that the committee deems necessary. This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Wade Heaton
Assigned to: Derrick Ewell and Gabe Patterson
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Possibility of issuing 2 pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters

MOTION: I move that we direct the division through the action log, to look at issuing 2pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters. That in the four-year period, between 14-18, they would have the potential to be guaranteed at least one hunt for a 2pt. buck and that those tags would not take away from any of the other tag allotments but be in addition to the tags already issued. We would ask the division to look at the impact that it would have on licensing and the herds as well as future youth hunters. Kevin Albrecht included with the action log item that the addition of a survey be used to see what that need is.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Lindy Varney and Covy Jones
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

April 28, 2022, George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

The meeting will stream live at https://youtu.be/aYbg_MlzxLk

Thursday April 28, 2022, 9:00 am

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| 5. Buck Deer Permit Recommendations for 2022
– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Bull Elk and Buck Pronghorn Permit Recommendations for 2022
– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Once-in-a-Lifetime Permit Recommendations
– Riley Peck, OIAL Species Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2022
– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. 2022 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations
– Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Bighorn Sheep Season Dates for Conservation Permits
– Justin Shannon, DWR Deputy Director | ACTION |
| 11. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Status:
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1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Buck Deer Permit Recommendations for 2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Buck Deer Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

4) Bull Elk and Buck Pronghorn Permit Recommendations for 2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and failed 3-3 with Chairman Albrecht breaking the tie. Randy Dearth, Wade Heaton and Gary Nielson were opposed.

MOTION: I move that we increase bull elk tags on the Beaver unit to 76 and allocate them proportionally.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 5-1 with Randy Dearth opposed.

MOTION: I move that we increase bull elk tags on the Beaver unit to 65.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remaining elk and pronghorn permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

5) Once-in-a-Lifetime Permit Recommendations for 2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed

unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we reduce the Nine Mile, Jack Creek bighorn sheep permits from 3 to 2 and increase the North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central (archery) mountain goat permit from 1 to 2.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we renew the 5-year plan for removal of additional bison on Antelope Island and the remainder of the recommendations as presented by the Division.

6) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve as presented from the Division.

7) 2022 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2022 CWMU Antlerless Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

8) Bighorn Sheep Season Dates for Conservation Permits (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep Season Dates for Conservation Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht – Chair	Karl Hirst
Randy Dearth– Vice-Chair	Bryce Thurgood
J. Shirley – Exec Secretary	Gary Nielson
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – L Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Robin Goodman	Paul Gedge	Kent Hersey
Ashley Green	Mike Christensen	Covy Jones
Mike Canning	Staci Coons	Rusty Robinson
Miles Hanberg	Paige Wiren	Chad Wilson
Chris Wood	Teresa Griffin	Brandon Baron
Kevin Bunnell	Dax Mangus	Mark Martinez
Ben Nadolski	Riley Peck	
Justin Shannon	Guy Wallace	
Kyle Maynard	Jim Christensen	
Charles Lyons	Lindy Varney	

Public Present

Kevin Norman	Troy Justensen
Ben Lowder	Angie Wonnacott
Austin Atkinson	Garth Jensen
Chris Carling	
Tanner Carlson	

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https://youtu.be/aYbg_MlzxLk

- 00:00:01** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order, reminded the audience that the meeting is broadcast live, and had the Board and RAC members introduce themselves.
- 00:01:12** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:01:43** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:02:04** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There were no action log items this time.
- 00:02:22** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director J. Shirley shared Division personnel changes, and gave Aquatic, Administrative Services, Habitat, Law Enforcement Outreach and Wildlife section updates.
- 00:12:35** **5) Buck Deer Permit Recommendations for 2022 (Action)**
Coordinator Covy Jones clarified the Division's management plan strategy, and summarized takeaways from the RAC tour.
- 00:17:01** **Board/RAC Questions**
The Board thanked the team of people who contributed to and put together the March 2022 work session meeting, and noted that the data presented on agenda item 5 had been anticipated. The Board asked Covy to defend the RACs' votes regarding the Fillmore unit, and to show the permit data and buck/doe ratio data history on the Beaver unit. The Board asked for clarification of the Division's recommendation on the Pine Valley unit.
The RAC asked when the deer committee next meets, and asked about extended archery permit numbers.
- 00:31:05** **Public Comments**
Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.
- 00:34:00** **RAC Recommendation**

All RACs passed the permit recommendations with varying stipulations and opposition.

00:37:27 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:42:09 Motion Summaries

The Board chairman summarized the RAC motions.

00:43:39 Division Clarification

The Division gave clarification regarding the Panguitch Lake unit.

License Coordinator Lindy Varney gave a presentation on lifetime licenses. The Board asked if there is a cap per unit of how many lifetime license holders can apply to individual units. The Board commented that taking action on this suggestion would require going through the public process.

00:58:15 Board Discussion

The Board commented on factors that affect what units lifetime license holders might want to hunt, and suggested considering capping lifetime license applications per unit. The RAC voiced the opinion that lifetime license holder hunting unit privileges are written into state law. The Board stated that they would direct the Division to look into this issue, and that any suggested changes would have to go through the public process.

The Board articulated support for the Division's recommendations.

01:08:04

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Buck Deer Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:08:26 Board Comment

The Board thanked both Division staff and Division partners for their combined efforts in collecting and presenting wildlife data to the Board.

01:09:10 Technology break

During the technology break, the Board and RAC discussed with the Division the value of work session meetings.

01:13:10 6) Bull Elk and Buck Pronghorn Permit Recommendations for 2022 (Action)

Covy Jones reviewed the prerecorded presentation that was posted on the Division website.

01:15:25 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about permit allocation on the Mt. Dutton unit.

01:17:03 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:18:22 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommendations as presented with the exception of one additional motion made by the Southern RAC.

01:23:37 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time. The Division explained the Mt. Dutton unit split deviations. The Board asked if the elk committee is looking at hunt structure.

01:28:10 Motion Summaries

The Board chairman summarized the RAC motions.

01:28:51 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board voiced support for the Southern RAC's recommendation on the Beaver unit, and asked the Division to clarify the Division's Beaver unit proposal. The Board made a general comment on management plan buck to doe ratios.

Chairman Albrecht asked for Director Shirley's thoughts on the elk management plan.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and failed 3-3 with Chairman Albrecht breaking the tie. Randy Dearth, Wade Heaton and Gary Nielson were opposed.

MOTION: I move that we increase bull elk tags on the Beaver unit to 76 and allocate them proportionally.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 5-1 with Randy Dearth opposed.

MOTION: I move that we increase the number of Beaver unit bull tags to 65.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remaining elk and pronghorn permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:41:01 7) Once-in-a-Lifetime Permit Recommendations for 2022 (Action)

OIAL Coordinator Riley Peck opened with an explanation of the Antelope Island bison hunt, and he also reviewed the recommendations that were in the prerecorded presentation that was posted on the Division's website.

Riley mentioned that the state's mountain goat populations are suffering at higher elevations as a result of drought conditions, mostly in the northern part of the state.

01:43:32 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RACs.

01:47:41 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:48:42 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the permit recommendations with varying stipulations and opposition.

01:50:35 Board Questions

The Board asked for clarification on a mountain goat permit that the Central RAC had voted on, and asked for statistics on the Henry Mountains bison herd.

01:53:29 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time. No clarification was given at this time.

01:59:08 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board reviewed past discussions among the Henry Mountains bison committee. The Board voiced support for the RACs' recommendations, as well as expressed reserve about not decreasing the Nine Mile, Jack Creek bighorn sheep tags by one.

The Board asked the Division for clarification on the Nine Mile, Jack Creek bighorn sheep tag recommendation.

Lindy Varney clarified permit allocation.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously

MOTION: I move that we reduce the Nine Mile, Jack Creek bighorn sheep permits from 3 to 2, and increase the North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central (archery) mountain goat permit from 1 to 2.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously

MOTION: I move that we renew the 5-year plan for removal of additional bison on Antelope Island, and the remainder of the recommendations as presented by the Division.

02:07:57 8) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2022 (Action)

Covy Jones reviewed the prerecorded presentation that was posted on the Division website.

02:12:49 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about statewide antlerless elk and deer permit number differences between 2021 and 2022. The Board asked about the type of permits that have been allocated for the Diamond Mountain unit.

The RAC asked Covy to explain how more recently collected elk herd data has influenced management objectives in different statewide units.

02:19:49 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

02:20:52 RAC Recommendations

All RACs accepted the Division's permit recommendations as presented with one exception from the Southern RAC on the Pine Valley unit.

02:22:08 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time. No clarification was given at this time.

02:22:48 Motion Summaries

The Board chairman summarized the RAC motions.

02:23:20 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked about depredation issues and hunts designed to address those issues.

The Board noted the social aspect of this agenda item, and noted public input received regarding the Panguitch Lake antlerless hunt. The Board also asked about chronic wasting disease hotspots in the state.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the antlerless permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

02:31:09 9) 2022 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (Action)

Private Lands and Public Coordinator Chad Wilson reviewed the prerecorded presentation that was posted on the Division's website.

02:31:47 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked if there were any collective themes that arose in all the RAC meetings. The Board, the Division and the northern RAC chair commented on the cooperative spirit of the CWMU Association.

02:35:51 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

02:36:18 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed motions to accept the Division's recommendations as presented.

02:37:25 Board Discussion

Prior to voting, the Board expressed support for the Division's recommendations.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed 4 in favor with 2 recusals. Wade Heaton and Bret Selma recused themselves from voting.

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2022 CWMU Antlerless Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

02:39:11 10) Bighorn Sheep Season Dates for Conservation Permit (Action)

Deputy Director Justin Shannon gave a presentation on the season dates.

02:42:05 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or the RAC chairs.

02:42:22 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time. No clarification was given at this time.

02:42:54 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep Season Dates for Conservation Permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

02:43:50 11) Other Business (Contingent)

There was no other business to discuss.

02:44:02 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
May 2022
Summary of Motions**

- 1) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permit and (Action)
Air Rifle Recommendations

CR **MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations for air rifle as presented on the condition of the implementation of a tax (similar to PR) at the State or federal level.**

PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION: To reduce the number of fall tags to 2 (1 bearded and 1 non-bearded) and accept the balance of the recommendation as presented.

PASSED: 5-4 with the Chair breaking the tie

NR **MOTION: I move that that we accept the use of air guns as presented with the exception that a conservation stamp equal to the price value that would be generated by the Pitman Robertson Act.**

PASSED: 9-2

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendation as presented.

PASSED: 10-1

SR **MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle recommendations as presented.**

PASSED: 9-1

SER **MOTION: to accept the Division's proposal to allow air gun hunting for fall turkeys, rabbits and hares, as stated, the acceptance of this proposal is contingent upon the legislature creating a conservation stamp, and the exception that the Division look at a maximum power/criterion for the air guns.**

PASSED: 8-2

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.

PASSED: 8-2

NER **MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.**

PASSED: Unanimous

2) Landowner Rule Amendments- R657-43 (Action)

CR **MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the exception of excluding cactus bucks, management hunt bucks and HAMS hunts.**

PASSED: Unanimous

NR **MOTION: I move that we accept Landowner Rule Amendments-R657-43 as presented with the exception the rule is reviewed in 3 years following of the COR renewal.**

PASSED: 6-5 with 1 abstention

SR **MOTION: I move that we reject the Division's proposal and recommend that it be revisited in order to gather additional input.**

PASSED: Unanimous

SER **MOTION: To accept the proposal as presented, but include a system that measures the success of the program that includes feedback from hunters and landowners and meets intended goals**

PASSED: Unanimous

NER **MOTION: To table this vote and send it back to the board for further discussion.**

PASSED: 5-1

Central Region RAC Meeting

Video Conference

May 10, 2022

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/XrDBfBsgIal>

Tuesday May 10, 2022 6:00 pm

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Brock McMillan, RAC chair | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
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| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
– Brock McMillan, RAC chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. Regional Update
– Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Conflict of Interest
- Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations
- Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Landowner Rule Amendments – R657-43
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov
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Central Region RAC Meeting
May 10, 2022
Springville, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve to approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of April 5, 2022 RAC Meeting Minutes

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 5th Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations

The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations for air rifle as presented on the condition of the implementation of a tax (similar to PR) at the State or federal level.

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Danny Potts and passed 5 in favor and 4 opposed, chair voted in favor to break a tie vote.

MOTION: To reduce the number of fall tags to 2 (1 bearded and 1 non-bearded) and accept the balance of the recommendation as presented.

4) Landowner Rule Amendments - R657-43

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 7 in favor and 1 opposed.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the exception of excluding cactus bucks, management hunt bucks and HAMS hunts.

Central Region RAC Meeting
May 10, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Brock McMillan – RAC Chair
Chase Crandall
Eric Reid
Ken Strong
Scott Jensen
Jim Shuler
Michael Christensen
Ben Lowder
Danny Potts - online

Absent

AJ Mower
Steve Lund
Josh Lenart
Luke Decker

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielson
Wade Heaton - online

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon
Ashley Green
Covy Jones
Dale Liechty
Blair Stringham
Rusty Robinson
Preston Mickelson
Scott Root
Justin Shannon
Mike Christensen
Wes Alexander

Total public: 12

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/XrDBfBsgIaI>

Central Region RAC Meeting
 May 10, 2022
 Springville, Utah
<https://youtu.be/XrDBfBsgJal>

06:00:05	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:03:30	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.</p>
06:03:30	<p>2) Approval of Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the April 5th Central Region RAC minutes as transcribed.</p>
06:04:00	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>RAC Chair Brock McMillan updated the RAC.</p>
06:06:10	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
06:15:53	<p>5) Conflict of Interest (Informational)</p> <p>Assistant Attorney General, Kyle Maynard, presented conflict of interest information.</p>
06:20:55	<p>6) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
06:22:07	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about the possibility of managing on smaller units, suitable turkey habitat still available for turkey releases, pheasant releases, reducing the number of turkey permits an individual can obtain in the fall, over harvest of turkey populations, PR dollars for air guns, pheasant limits and pheasant predator control, data regarding fall turkey permit sales.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
06:47:52	Public Comments

	<p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Trevor Palmer – Opposed to fall hunts, drought is affecting populations.</p> <p>Jordan Mattinson – Opposed to fall hunts. Has seen reductions in populations. Would like to manage on smaller scale.</p> <p>Waylon Pritchett – NWTF – Talked about the many efforts to establish and increase turkey populations. Opposed to changing regulation to two beardless and one either sex.</p> <p>Lynn Worwood – NWTF – Opposed to the use of air guns. Agree with recommendation for fall hunt. Recognized work starting on management plan.</p>
<p>06:55:18</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed the use of air guns, some members opposed to air guns due to PR funds not being generated, turkey population trends, translocating turkeys, the lethality of air guns.</p>
<p>07:16:00</p>	<p>Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations for air rifle as presented on the condition of the implementation of a tax (similar to PR) at the State or federal level.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Danny Potts and passed 5 in favor and 4 opposed, chair voted in favor to break a tie vote.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In favor: Scott Jensen, Danny Potts, Mike Christensen, Jim Shuler, Brock McMillan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Opposed: Chase Crandall, Ben Lowder, Ken Strong, Eric Reid</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Opposition due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree with DWR recommendation of three permits (2) - Not in favor of fall hunts at all (1) - Not concerned about the number of tags per individual (1) <p>MOTION: To reduce the number of fall tags to 2 (1 bearded and 1 non-bearded) and accept the balance of the recommendation as presented.</p>
<p>07:29:17</p>	<p>7) Landowner Rule Amendments R657-43</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
<p>07:33:40</p>	<p>RAC Questions</p>

	<p>RAC members asked about excluding HAMS hunts, access to private lands on LOA areas, programs in which bucks and bulls permits are offered and public is excluded, permit agreements with LOA's, liability of public (and their companions) being on private land, variances being grandfathered in, and changes in the number of permits for general season landowner deer.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>Whitney Hulet Krogue – Diamond Mountain LOA – How the DWR will determine which public hunters will be allowed on private land? Is the requirement to share names and contact info with public hunters in the rule? Who is responsible for damages to private property by public hunters? Is there more strain on land to support trophy populations? If landowners remove themselves from the LOA how will they be compensated for damages from animals? How much variability is there for landowners in this rule? Would units no longer in LOA's be made general season units?</p> <p>Troy Justesen – SFW – What is the purpose of LOA's? Where do the permits come from? Was the vote in the committee consensus or majority? Is there a metric to help gauge success or use?</p> <p>John Bair – In the past program there was a precedent set for the number of permits on certain LOA's, where is the teeth in the rule and how are we going to curtail fulfilling the “precedent”?</p>
<p>08:11:39</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jim Gowans – Have seen lots of changes to titles of programs, some problems with LOA's and people with a public permits and pushing their way onto private property. Need to key in on what is happening on private property and follow through.</p> <p>Whitney Hulet Krogue – Diamond Mountain LOA – Concerned about the ability to limit public hunters on their private property. Currently the LOA allows hunter access and want to be able to control access moving forward. Expressed concern about public access, vandalism, and access to entire properties creating an unfair burden for landowners. Asked for more information to be added to the rule.</p> <p>Christopher Robinson Commissioner (Committee Member) – LOA's increase the tolerance for private landowners for having big game on their property but needs to be balanced against the public interest. A member of the Pahvant LOA and understands using the formula in this rule would likely reduce the number of vouchers for the LOA. Does not like losing vouchers but believes the rule is fair.</p> <p>Troy Justesen – SFW – Realizes the importance private lands play in wildlife management. Thank the committee for time and effort. SFW supports recommendation with two additions. Finding a metric to gauges use and validate the program similar to convention permit program in order to show benefit to sportsmen.</p> <p>John Bair (Committee Member) – A lot of time and effort put into committee discussions. One addition could be if a landowner does not want to allow access and be part of the LOA then permits available to them would be non-transferable and only good for the landowner's property, not the entire unit.</p>

	Wade Garrett – Utah Farm Bureau (Committee Member) – Lots of tough discussions in the committee. Need to balance between public resource and private land. Trust the public process. Need to protect private property and be considerate of public resources.
08:27:55	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed the committee process, some agreed that landowner who choose not to participate could receive non-transferable permits and permits would only be for their own property, the fact that LOA must have 50 percent of private lands enrolled, the possibility of landowners receiving permits on limited entry units not in LOA, NON transferable LO permits, rule clarifications, the ability for LOA to make rules on units similar to CWMUs.</p>
08::00	<p>Landowner Rule Amendments R657-43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 7 in favor and 1 opposed.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In Favor: Eric Reid, Mike Christensen, Ken Strong, Jim Shuler, Scott Jensen, Ben Lowder, Danny Potts</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Opposed: Chase Crandall</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Opposition due to: Concerns of encroachment by public on to private lands.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the exception of excluding cactus bucks, management hunt bucks and HAMS hunts.</p>
08:48:40	Meeting adjourned.

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

May 11, 2022

The meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/FskS4bQSw5I>

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes ACTION
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update INFORMATIONAL
- RAC Chair
4. Regional Update INFORMATIONAL
- DWR Regional Supervisor
5. Conflict of Interest INFORMATIONAL
- Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General
6. Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and
Air Rifle Recommendations ACTION
- Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator
7. Landowner Rule Amendments – R657-43 ACTION
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

Regional Presentations Only

SER Gordon Creek WMA HMP INFORMATIONAL
Kade Lazenby, Impact Analysis Biologist

SR Bicknell Bottoms WMA HMP INFORMATIONAL
Gary Bezzant, SR Habitat Manager

CR RAC – May 10, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/XrDBfBsglaI>

SER RAC – May 18th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powel Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/gkJJeCPVkuQo>

NR RAC – May 11, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/FskS4bQSw5I>

NER RAC – May 19th, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office 318
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/cqblpkCW3Q4>

SR RAC – May 17th, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Board Meeting – June 2nd, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
<https://youtu.be/8HW1PKRZ7p4>

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.

2) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permit and (**Action**)
Air Rifle Recommendations

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Casey Snider and passed For: 9 Against 2. David Earl - Conservation tag won't generate enough money to pay its time. Ryan Brown - Tracking down a weapon tax is a nightmare.

MOTION: I move that that we accept the use of air guns as presented with the exception that a conservation stamp equal to the price value that would be generated by the Pitman Robertson Act.

The following motion was made by Junior Goring, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed. For: 10 Against: 1 Darren Parry - Know we aren't harvesting 3 birds, but we do it anyway for revenue. That is not a good reason to me.

MOTION: I move we accept the Divisions recommendation as presented.

3) Landowner Rule Amendments- R657-43 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed For: 6 Against: 5 Abstain 1: David Earl - There are a bunch of landowner's that don't know what is going on tonight. Ryan Brown - Accountability. Junior Goring - Not well informed. More accountability. Darren Parry - Landowners have more of a voice. Paul Chase - Forest Service does not have a say in what is going on with private lands.

MOTION: I move that we accept Landowner Rule Amendments-R657-43 as presented with the exception the rule is reviewed in 3 years following of the COR renewal.

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

May 11, 2022

Attendance

Justin Oliver – Chair
Kevin McLeod – Vice-Chair

RAC Members

Ryan Brown
Brad Buchanan
Jaimi Butler
Paul Case
David Earl

Junior Goring
Randy Hutchison
Emily Jensco
Darren Parry
Casey Snider

Board Member

Randy Dearth
Bryce Thurgood

RAC Excused

Matt Klar
Mike Laughter
Nikki Wayment

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Jim Christensen
Kyle Maynard
Heather Talley
Chad Wilson
David Beveridge
Blair Stringham
Daniel Olson

Mike Christensen
Avery Cook
David Smedley
Devin Christensen
Ashely Green

Regional Advisory County Meeting

April 6, 2022

Attendance

00:02:43 1) Chairman Justin Oliver called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience and reviewed the meeting procedures.

00:08:14 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.

00:09:05 3) **Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Jim Christensen, Regional Wildlife Manager**

Jim Christensen gave an update from Wildlife Board meeting held on April 28, 2022 at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center. Links on website to view.

00:12:46 4) **Regional Update - Jim Christensen, Regional Wildlife Manager (Informational)**

Habitat impact biologist interviews in a couple of weeks. Our Chalk Creek, North Slope Summit and Kamas wildlife biologist, Dave Rich, is retiring at the end of June. Billy Fenimore, director of the Eccles Wildlife Education Center at Farmington Bay, passed away recently. Celebration of Life May 15, 2022. Cinnamon Creek WMA road, fence, sign and resource inventory. Baseline range trend surveys and wildlife surveys. Guzzler projects on the Newfoundland Mountains for bighorn sheep. East Fork Little Bear WMA overnight camping closure due to litter and infrastructure damage. Day use for fishing still allowed. Bighorn sheep lambing surveys on Antelope Island. Spring habitat evaluations and small mammal trapping. Sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse counts are wrapping up. Sage grouse numbers appear to be on an upward trend. Great Salt Lake Eco-system. Tour of the Great Salt Lake with Lieutenant Governor Deidra Henderson. Davis County Bird Festival. Forum to discuss Great Salt Lake. 10,000 2-inch fingerling tiger muskies stocked in Pineview Reservoir with plans to stock another 10,000. Newton Reservoir will receive fish as they become available. Biologists at Bear Lake have completed netting surveys. Worked with Idaho Fish and Game for genetic samples. Testing for sterility of lake trout. Swan Creek Fish trap is operating now. Cutthroat trout are doing well in the lake right now. Fewer eggs are being taken this year and fewer fish are being stocked. Waterfowl crews conducted a 300-acre controlled phragmites burn at the Ogden Bay WMA. Plan to burn 600 acres on the Salt Creek WMA. Planting shrub

rows and food plot plantings for upland game and nesting waterfowl. Law Enforcement participated in the division's recent antler auction and the National Archery in Schools Program Western Regionals. Outreach and law enforcement officers helped with the Youth Fishing Tournament at East Canyon Reservoir.

00:22:57 **5) Conflict of Interest (Informational)**

Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard defined what's considered a Conflict of Interest and abstention from voting.

RAC Justin Oliver reminded the RAC members to fill out their Conflict of Interest Forms and turn them in.

00:27:37 **Questions from RAC Members**

Recusals and when they should happen. Declare the conflict and refrain from voting if there is a direct financial interest. Junior Goring, who represents agriculture, concerned there will be a conflict of interest on the predator issues when it comes to protecting interest. Kyle Maynard recommended RAC members contact him prior if they'd like to discuss an agenda item that would require a RAC member to declare or abstain from voting on that item. Randy Hutchison had a question regarding members voting who are in a leadership positions with conservation organizations. He asked if they can vote or if they should abstain from voting. Also, should RAC members who aren't in leadership positions in a conservation organization abstain from voting? Kyle said simply being a member of a conservation organization should not lead to someone needing to abstain. Those who are leaders in conservation organizations can decide for themselves if their loyalties and fiduciary duty to the organization conflict with their public obligation as a member of the RAC. Financial implications are a reason for recusal.

00:34:33 **6) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and (Action)
Air Rifle Recommendations**

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Additional information provided by Heather Talley that was not in the presentation regarding turkey rule recommendations of two beardless permits in the fall and one Hunter's Choice: there was an oversight that needed to account in the identification of species and sex (R65754-12) that would require the head and beard remain attached to the carcass of the wild turkey, while it's being transported.

00:38:08

Questions from RAC Members/Public

Q - Upland Plan and what the benefit is going to be with research priorities outlined in the plan going to support the Division's funding.

A - Background information on current Turkey Plan and trigger changes. Turkey Plan will be opened up this summer, and the division will reach out to people to convene a committee. Foresee more changes to come. Those changes will come back through the RACs next year.

Q - Estimates on turkey populations in the Northern Region.

A - Based on the number of nuisance calls received, and the number of birds that have been moved and put into other locations this year compared to 2021, we believe the population has increased slightly. We anticipate a good turkey crop this year.

Q - Concerns with the number of hens being harvested in the fall.

A - Fall hunts target small localized populations on private property. The goal is to decrease hens because of depredation and nuisance issues. The public needs to secure permission to hunt private property before purchasing private land permits.

The number of turkeys hunted in the fall are not representative of statewide populations. Drought is the biggest challenge turkeys are currently facing. The vast majority of turkeys that are trapped and moved are hens and jennys. There is a good mix of public and private ground in the Northern Region. The DWR is trying to get turkeys to move back to public ground. Will revisit the boundaries this fall to cut back on harvest on the public land and have hunters focus on private lands where there are issues. Other regions have been noting a decline in turkey numbers and have been decreasing or eliminating certain fall boundaries from their region. The Central Region has set a cap on the number of fall turkey permits. The DWR has a lot of latitude to change how the hunt impacts populations.

Q - Is there still a demand for depredation permits or has that demand dropped?

A - Data had not been pulled for that question. Information can be disseminated to the RACs. Jim Christensen said depredation permits have decreased in the Northern Region because permits can be purchased over the counter and hunters have a larger area to hunt than just being stuck on their own property. Avery Cook said the fall hunt was primarily designed to relieve the pressure of having to issue fall depredation permit vouchers. The fall hunt has been successful that way, and fewer depredation permits have been issued since it went into effect.

Q - What type of depredation do turkeys cause, and is it really an issue?

Turkeys rip up haystacks and are detrimental to people's crops. (They defecate on the

product so the product cannot be sold.) The depredation database is used to log depredation issues.

Q - Why wasn't sandhill crane part of the DWR presentation?

A - Sandhill cranes are a migratory bird species and are not part of the three-year upland game regulations being discussed tonight. Permit recommendations for sandhill crane, band-tailed pigeon, American crow and other migratory species will be discussed next year.

Q - Air guns are very lethal. We hope people understand that.

A - Air guns are quiet. Allowing air guns will allow those with air guns to harvest turkeys. We don't think there will be a high amount of wounding loss. The air gun request has already been through the legislature, and we feel our recommendation is an appropriate one. Air guns may be used only during the fall turkey hunt. There are no rimfire hunts during the spring turkey season.

Brandon Zundel: Do you have data that shows the ratio of depredation complaints tied specifically to tom turkeys versus turkeys in general?

A - We trap significantly more hens and jennys than toms.

Brandon Zundel: Can you share the harvest data with us from a GRAMA request asking for the percentage of turkeys taken by people with one permit, two permits and three permits?

Q - Percentage of people who had different number of permits in the Northern Region in fall 2021: 79% bought one permit, 71% bought two permits, and 85% bought three permits. Percentage of people who successfully harvested a turkey: one permit, 74%, two permits, 18%, three permits, 8% harvested.

Waylon Pritchett – Can supplemental feeding be used in the winter to attempt to divert turkeys away from nuisance areas in the Northern Region?

A - Supplemental feeding or providing stopover areas are two different things. We've partnered with the NWTf in three different regions to shortstop turkeys to try to prevent them from causing depredation. We've had good results.

The goals of the fall hunt are to force turkeys to leave nuisance areas by harvesting male turkeys and putting pressure on the remaining birds to leave. The success of the approach depends on how far away a hunter shoots a turkey and whether other turkeys saw and were spooked by the hunter. More walking around and more disruption would put more pressure on birds to leave. Decreasing localized populations can't happen efficiently without taking hens.

Pritchett - Do localized turkey populations stay on private property in the winter and then go to public land as snow recedes in the spring?

A - It depends on the flock. We have a sense if the turkeys are repeat offenders.

Pritchett - Are landowners allowing hunters to access their property to hunt and harvest turkeys in the fall?

A - 90% of fall harvest is on private land. Harvesting hens will ultimately result in less turkeys on public land in the spring. Hens staying in nuisance areas year round are not available to the hunting public anyway. Our overall goal is to increase turkey populations for sportsmen to hunt.

Pritchett - Statement from the DWR regarding population decline; is there a plan to reduce permits for the 2022 fall season?

A - The plan is to re-adjust boundaries and look at maximum number of permits allowed for each region or each boundary.

01:05:41 Electronic/Public Comment Report

3 responses, 1- 33.33% strongly agree, 2 - 66.67% somewhat agree, 0% neither agree nor disagree, 0% somewhat disagree, 0% strongly disagree

- Concern about the consequences for those that might accidentally shoot a jake, and then not self-report their mistake. It would be very easy to accidentally kill a jake or a bearded hen, especially if the hunter is using a rimfire at a distance.

- No bearded turkey for harvest. Stop stocking pheasants -- it results in more people on less land so there's less natural production.

- Most of the birds are on private lands which are hard to get access and the public ground has way too many hunters that are stepping on each other. Frustrating when you want to hunt this bird and very little access to hunt them.

Brandon Zundel - Public targeting tom turkeys during the fall hunts. Seeing a decline in toms. Public is after a bearded bird. Statistics show hunters are not harvesting more than 1 bird. Hunter's aren't policing themselves. Would like to see not having a permit for bearded birds in the fall.

Waylon Pritchett - Oppose the DWR recommendation. Population declines. Propose fall permit go to 1 bearded. Turkey hunting is one of the key opportunities for new hunters and for youth.

Kevin Norman - SFW - Fall turkey hunt is best hunt for youth and new hunters. Turkey populations are declining on the south end of Cache Valley. No secret we are in a drought. Can't control Mother Nature. Can control how many hens harvested. Should be growing more birds. When growing more birds, there are more depredation issues. Fall turkey tags aren't fixing the problem like they were set out to do. SFW willing to fund and support feeding programs to keep turkeys out of the problem areas. Look more towards that. SFW recommends going to 1 permit in the fall, either sex, to help keep the pressure on the turkeys and support feeding programs to alleviate some of these problems.

01:17:01 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

The NWTF sent a letter to RAC chairs last week, voicing its concern about the use of air rifles, PR dollars and air rifles and their use. Casey Snider commented during the legislative session that he stripped out the license provision requirements in order to use air rifles during the hunt because 1 - this type of weapon was under review at the federal level and will likely be eventually covered under PR dollars. 2 - Worried about setting a precedent of having a weapon: need a tag for the hunter, a fee for the hunter and a fee for the weapon. When you buy a license in some states, you also have to buy a stamp that says you can now archery hunt. It's not necessarily a tax on archery equipment, it just allows you one more opportunity. Wonder if something like that might help. Number of permits that were sold for the fall hunt in the Northern Region in the fall – 2,500 permits allocated in 2018. Unlimited tags since then. 2022 permits sold - 3074, 2021 permits sold – 4,820, 2020 permits sold - 3,913, 2017 permits sold -- 269, 2016 permits sold -- 558, 2015 permits sold – 60, and 2014 permits sold -- 97. Principle needs to have the Pitman Robertson attached to it. Big advocate for the fall turkey hunt, but needs to be held only on private property. Put a cap on the number of permits. Keep the hunt going. Hesitate on hunter's choice. Don't want to impact the spring hunt. Turkeys' life span is relatively short compared to other animals. Until air guns go under the Pitman Robertson Act, other states are requiring a conservation stamp to use them.

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Casey Snider and passed For: 9 to Against 2 . David Earl - Conservation tag won't generate enough money. Ryan Brown -Tracking down a weapon tax is a nightmare.

MOTION: I move that we accept the use of air guns as provided conservation exception of creating a conservation stamp that will be equal to the money generated by the Pitman Robertson Act.

The following motion was made by Junior Goring, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed For: 10 Against: 1 Darren Parry - We aren't harvesting 3 birds.

Motion: I move that we accept the division's recommendation as presented

01:48:51 7) Landowner Rule Amendments- R657-43 (Action)

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01:50:40 Questions from RAC Members

Q - For option 1, 50/50 split, do landowners get to set the dates or do they have to allow the public the entire span of the hunt? 50 % of the private land has to be enrolled in the

LOA. Different standards for the CWMUs and LOAs. CWMUs are either 5,000 or 10,000 acres of continuous land. LOA's are not continuous.

New proposal. There are two options. Why the two options?

A - Clarification by Chad Wilson about the difference between a CWMU and a LOA.

General season units have permits, not vouchers that can be transferred.

LOAs would fall under the limited entry program. Landowners can get a voucher for the entire unit that can be sold or transferred. Twenty percent of the vouchers would have to allow public hunters access to their private land. The voucher would be good only for private land that is enrolled in the LOA. A total of 600 permits would be available per region, and they cannot be transferred. 3% were given to landowners above the draw. Proposal to stay with 3% but have that not be a static number and let it move with the permits. Permits would be unit by unit and not region wide. LOA vouchers would fluctuate depending on how many permits that unit has.

Q - How was the committee selected, and do you think they're good representatives?

A - The committee is a balance between landowners and sportsman.

Q - When a landowner is concerned about access to the public, how many public hunters would have access to the private property?

A - Diamond Mountain would have the most. Combining vouchers and permits, landowners choose who has those. If a voucher was bought for a LOA, some were told where they could hunt on the LOA. Percentage of private and required to have a LOA in a limited entry unit. Mapped by habitat. 50% or more of the private land, mapped for deer by habitat, needs to be enrolled in the LOA.

Q - Talked about usage.

A - LOA program allows landowners to get together and determine how the money and vouchers are distributed.

Q - How many landowner LOAs are available?

A - Statewide, roughly 209.

Q - Discussion on how the CWMU program has worked.

A - LOAs encourage neighbors to join. Private landowners not coerced. It is a voluntary program.

Q - On a general season permit, one requirement is 100 acres of cultivated property or 640 acres of deer habitat. Why does this not work for limited entry permits?

A - On limited entry, there aren't many permits available. If the majority of the landowners are on the same page, they are benefiting from the program.

Q - Having a hard time finding any public benefit of an LOA if they are not going to

allow the public on there. No way to quantify what they have done for the wildlife. Would like to see more benefit for the public. Want to make it more transparent. Make mechanisms to see that LOAs do projects. Liked Troy Justensen's comments at the Central RAC about finding ways to track what LOAs are doing for wildlife. This program is a way to incentivize them to manage for wildlife. Be good to have a report to track what is happening.

A - The DWR didn't have a good mechanism to track that, and we want to fix that. Anyone who puts in for a unit has the ability to potentially hunt the LOA lands. Landowners are important, but sportsman are equally important. Need to have cooperation from both sides for it to work.

Q - Asked about habitat layers and deer habitat and if it mattered whether the habitat was summer or winter transitional habitat and how the habitat is valued when making evaluations.

A - Hard to say on some units. Some habitat is more important than others, but all habitat is important. If a section looks like it has habitat, but there are no deer or elk on it, then we'll probably trace that section out. If elk show up in a field that is out of the habitat, then DWR will draw that back into the section. Will take time and effort from DWR because of drought, fire and changes. Not a stationary target. LOAs have a three-year COR. Liability for public hunters covered by state statute 57. 14. 101, Section 5714-204. LOAs are getting depredation tags.

Public Questions

Troy Justensen –SFW - Where do the permits come from?

A - They come out of the public draw.

Justensen - Why does the landowner program exist?

A - To promote wildlife. Of permits issued, many of the animals are harvested on public lands.

Justensen - Is there a metric inside the plan that measures the success of what we wanted to accomplish with the program?

A - No specific metric. Permits are issued based on acreage and habitat layer.

Whitney Hulet Krogue - Diamond Mountain Landowner Association. Mentioned landowners do benefit wildlife by tolerating wildlife and giving 72 hours' notice if animals are on agricultural land and they need help with hazing. Diamond Mountain collectively owns 35% of a management unit that's 65% public land. Wildlife are mostly eating on private land, taking forage that's meant mostly for cattle.

A - Landowner programs are meant to address this, and single vouchers show a big appreciation.

Krogue - Do you have data showing how much time wildlife spend on private land verses public land?

A - No comparison from the old rule and the new rule is available. More of a revision of the new rule than there is of the old rule.

Krogue - Public access. Pretty major change when there is no longer a variance to ask for no public access. Miner tweaks have big consequences.

Krogue - Compensation of landowners.

A - New rule doesn't address compensation of landowners. The incentive is most of the landowners get vouchers they can sell for money. The old rule compensates the landowner. Incentive is not for public access. Incentive is landowner gets vouchers to sell. High dollar vouchers so landowners can make money from them in return for public access.

Krogue - New rules, the state is getting the public access onto private land.

A - CWMU program has the ability to set up rules and set sidebars and it has worked in the CWMU program. Want to make so anybody that had no connections has the ability to hunt if they drew the tag. Regular public hunter to hunt if they drew the permit.

Krogue - Regulations have no enforcement. Concerns for the landowner if laws are being broken. Had 26 cows shot by public hunters.

A - The DWR's Law Enforcement Section is committed to help with any issues, especially ones involving people breaking the law. More restrictions on LOAs and how they have to manage themselves. DWR wants to see a distribution plan.

Krogue - Concern with rules that some landowners are going to be suffering the effects more than others.

A - Hunters do a good job distributing themselves. Some landowners weren't allowing some access after a voucher was purchased.

02:40:07

Electronic/Public Comment Report

Dale Christiansen - Pilot Mountain LOA- Limited Entry Bull Elk LOA. LOA's involved in the change is not the fact. Their input was not sought. Some LOA's were not aware of the change. If there is going to be change a rule, change a program, wouldn't you seek to have input from the LOA's that is going to be affected the most. Spent over 2 million dollars in the last 5 years on habitat restoration. Bachelor herd of elk on the Pilot Mountain, summer on our ranch. Elk eat our grass and our feed. Worked with Nevada. Their program does not require us to have public access.

Sakia White - Utah Farm Bureau - This program is valuable to landowners and to the public. We do support programs like the LOA's that allow the public access ability to private property and incentivizes private landowners.

Whitney Hulet Krogue - Diamond Mountain Land - LOA's serious concerns particular Diamond Mountain. Draws hunters from everywhere. Misconception landowners are getting rich from this program. Every 3 elk AMU to 1 cow, is 1 fewer cow that land can support. Most of the money landowners are getting from the vouchers is going back to the land. They do predator control to help deer populations. \$150,000 just on improvements on the public land. Improving water sources and trying to create incentives for the herds to spread themselves out. There is a wrong idea they are hoarding all of the animals. That is not what is happening. A lot of animals are taken on

the public land, but they eat on the private land. Against the public being able to come onto their land without permission from the landowners.

Troy Justensen – SFW - Understands what private land does for wildlife. 100% in favor of rewarding that guy that benefits wildlife. Nobody is forced from private lands to participate in this program. If this program is to incentivize people, to be friendly to wildlife, I am all for it. We need to define what it is. 2 things that are missing. 1 - Counts of wildlife on the land. Needs acreage and physical counts. 2 - Metric to gauge to make sure it is working. Need to re-exam the rule.

Electronic Public Comment

1 response. 100% strongly agree,

Well thought out, and a good compromise for both sides.

02:53:24

RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

It was very beneficial to the landowners, but we are forgetting the public. Need to remember who owns the wildlife. It has been very lopsided since it was created. If a landowner association is able to receive public permits, but then have the option to not allow public hunters on them, that does not set well. If a landowner voucher is good for private and public, there needs to be some give. We have landowner rights, but there is also the public. Don't feel like current rule doesn't take the general public into account. The relationship between agriculture and wildlife is about as good as it gets. When a landowner association disputes a fair process and throws around words of entitlement, there is a problem. LOAs have not been helpful the last couple of years. They have not been good partners. Trying to make good partners out of individuals who are utilizing public resources. It's not about the individual public hunter. It's about private landowners who participate in a 100% voluntary program and ask for more of a public resource without returning something. Hope we go further. This program needs further review. Unfair to the Division and unfair to the resource. Hope there is an attitude shift as we move forward. This rule has been broken for 10 or 12 years. Division has made a great step forward to give more equality to a very complex issue. Quantitative value and how we look at this. Think the Division has made a great start to coming up with something that will work. RAC members received letters from attorneys threatening the process. Applaud the Division for what they have done incorporating counts and a matrix. Discussion in the committee along those lines. Didn't want to imbalance workloads. Takes a significant amount of time. Time is more valuable in other places. People get vouchers, there needs to be public access. Not negotiable. There just has to be public access. Like the steps being made. Has to be fair access for public hunters. Some form of verifying things are succeeding. Does matter if the vouchers are being taken and the public is getting a fair exchange. I like the concept of the program, it is an improvement. This becomes a complicated issue when balancing private property rights and a public resource. The animals are a public resource; they are owned by the public. Responsibility has to be public access. Some LOAs are going to benefit more than others. There needs to be some measurement matrix. Like to see LOAs reviewed more often. If the Division is worried about the time it takes to count, maybe the LOAs can get involved. Should not be tabled. Wish more landowners would have been in on the

decision making. Need to include those who are going to be impacted the most.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passes: For: 6 Against: 5 Abstain:1. David Earl - There are a bunch of landowners that don't know what is going on tonight. Ryan Brown - Accountability. Junior Goring - Not well informed. More accountability. Darren Parry - Landowners have more of a voice. Abstain - Paul Chase - Forest Service does not have a say in what is going on with private lands.

MOTION: I move that we accept Landowner Rule Amendments-R657-43 as presented with the exception the rule is reviewed in 3 years following of the COR.

03:29:15 Meeting Adjourn.

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Southern Regional RAC Meeting

May 17, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Brayden Richmond
Bart Battista (Virtual)
Gene Boardman
Chuck Chamberlain
Dan Fletcher
Nick Jorgensen
Verland King
Chuck Chamberlain
Craig Laub
Riley Roberts
Chad Utley (Virtual)

Absent

Tammy Pearson

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht

DWR Personnel

Kevin Bunnell
Gary Bezzant
Adam Kavalunas
Teresa Griffin
Heather Talley
Kyle Maynard

Chad Wilson
Kyle Christensen
Tyrell Orme
Jonathan Perez
Avery Cook (Virtual)
Ian Montgomery
Jason Nicholes
Phil Tuttle
Julie Sabattis
Paul Washburn
Ryan McNiff
Levi Watkins
Covy Jones
Mike Christensen
Ashley Green
Selena Yardley
Gabe Patterson
Mike Jensen
Alyssa Jackson (virtual)
Denise Gilgen (virtual)

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/7AfQbrR4QvI>

Southern Region RAC Meeting

May 17, 2022

Richfield, Utah

<https://youtu.be/7AfQbrR4QvI>

06:08:32	RAC Chair Brayden Richmond called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations or public comments taken during the meeting.
06:10:54	1) Approval Of Agenda and Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Nick Jorgensen MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented.
06:12:00	3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational) RAC Chair Brayden Richmond updated the RAC
06:13:53	4) DWR Update (Informational) Kevin Bunnell updated the RAC on all regional activities.
06:00:00	RAC Questions: The RAC members asked questions about the Mule Deer Listening Tour and meeting location (SUU), rabbit surveys and hemorrhagic disease, and the restocking of Cutthroat Trout in the Upper Mammoth Creek. Kolob Reservoir was treated to remove non-native fish a few years ago and native fish have come back strong. It looks great at this time. Kevin will follow-up with an update on the restocking of the Upper Mammoth for Chad Utlely.
06:29:12	5) Conflict of Interest (Informational) A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html Kyle Maynard reviewed and discussed the information in this presentation.
06:32:58	RAC Questions The RAC members asked questions about possible conflicts of interests and/or perceived conflicts of interest, especially for those representing Agriculture. Kyle explained that it is a taken as a case by case basis. RAC members should ask themselves how an agenda items would impact them personally versus the general public. Kyle indicated he is available to answer questions as they arise.

06:41:52	<p>6) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits & Air Rifle Recommendations (Action) A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html. Heather Talley reviewed the items in the presentation and answered questions.</p>
06:44:48	<p>RAC Questions The RAC members asked about who would receive the money from the tax imposed on air rifles. The Pittman-Robertson Act was discussed and who receives that money.</p> <p>Questions as to what is the demand is for air rifles for Fall Turkey hunting; however, no formal survey has been done. Questions as to why we are okay with rim fire for Fall Turkey hunting. This weapon type was approved to increase the Fall harvest success and to provide additional opportunity.</p> <p>Does a program already exist for the Conversation Stamp that the Division uses and is the Division equipped to handle something like this being implemented. Any fee the Division charges must be approved through the legislature, these changes will not happen immediately.</p> <p>Is there a population of that are not grown as chicks and released for hunting. If so, where are they.</p> <p>Is the Division doing anything to increase the boundary for Sage Grouse.</p>
06:55:30	<p>Public Questions Waylon Pritchett, SFW, how are Limited Entry Turkey permits allocated. What is the general consensus from landowners from 2018-2022, are hunters generally satisfied or unsatisfied. Decrease on Turkey permits and drought conditions in the Southern Region.</p>
07:01:15	<p>Public Comments Kevin Bunnell summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Chuck Carpenter, NWTF, supports the Division’s recommendations. Concerned about air guns being used to harvest turkeys and not providing funding through the Pittman-Robertson Act. Feels they should be taxed.</p> <p>Waylon Pritchett, SFW, oppose the action of going to two unbearded and one either sex permit. Doesn’t believe this will be the best solution for decreasing the population. Understands the purpose of the Fall</p>

	<p>hunt, Big Game, and landowners and the role they play in managing populations. SFW is willing to step in and provide funding and volunteers for relocation of nuisance turkeys and winter feeding. Turkey hunting provides excellent opportunities for younger hunters. Thanked Heather for her help.</p>
07:08:09	<p>RAC Discussion The RAC members discussed the air rifles and the Wildlife Restoration Act, the need for hunters to buy another stamp. The Pittman-Robertson Act, the federal tax on air rifles and how the money will be distributed. Tax on Air Rifles should be administrated at the Federal level not at the State level. How feasible is the trapping, transporting and relocation of turkeys.</p>
07:15:00	<p>Upland Game Management Plan – MOTIONS The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Austin Atkinson. MOTION: I move that we accept the division’s recommendations as presented for both Turkey’s and Air Rifles, prior to being taxed with Pittman-Robertson. Passed: 9-1 (Bart Battista opposed) Doesn’t believe hunters should be hunting without contributing to conservation.</p>
07:18:00	<p>7) Landowner Rule Amendments – R657-43 (Action) A pre-recorded presentations was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
07:30:58	<p>RAC Questions RAC members want to know how landowner appreciation permits work if a landowner owns land on multiple units, how landowner permits are allocated and expressed concern about losing preference points through the recommended landowner buck drawing process. The RAC wants to know specifically how many of these permits are going to landowners on the Pine Valley unit. Clarification was made on the LOA COR that’s currently in place, how it will change every year, if there’s any restrictions being a non-resident vs. resident landowner and how many LOA’s are in the Southern Region. Farm ground is included in habitat. There’s concern that landowners are being forced to allow public access to their private land. CWMU’s have to stay within their boundaries. Curious if we compared our models to other state’s models while discussing these changes. Clarification was made on how all other committees are put together same as the RAC, same process. Wants to know if Limited Entry and General Season use the same formula to determine permit numbers. Clarification on LOA’s and rules set, the public is responsible for knowing the expectations while hunting on their land.</p>

<p>08:15:24</p>	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>Whitney Hulet Krogue wants to know who was all at the meeting and whether the landowner association presidents were present. Also wants to know what happens if a hunter is breaking rules while hunting on an LOA and what landowners can or should do when encountering these types of issues. This is specifically addressing the fact that once an LOA is enrolled in the program, they are in agreement to give public permit holders, that the state issues, permission to hunt their land.</p> <p>Andy Monroe wants to know if every LOA president was notified or represented at the meeting. Disagrees that all the LOA's are not being represented as a whole. Wants to know who is liable for the hunter's on private property if a hunter is reckless on the property – LOA's are protected from these circumstances.</p> <p>Richland Anderson wants to know if the DWR has been holding annual meetings.</p> <p>Troy Justensen wants to know how the 200 permits are being handled throughout the change. Expresses he thinks a mistake has been made.</p> <p>Gary Gardner wants to know what happens if a hunter causes damage to any equipment and personal property while hunting on private land – criminal charges can be made.</p>
<p>08:37:37</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Whitley Hulet Krogue expresses that the place getting hit the hardest by these herds are private land because that's where the best forage and feed is. There's no way to get compensation from the division for the damage being cause to their land. The biggest issue is the access. Previously, landowners could choose who give permission to hunters but under these rule changes the state is deciding who hunts the land.</p> <p>Dave Chivers expresses the concern for their Diamond Mountain private land and the hard work they've put in as landowners. Mention's he's not against public access but the landowners should be the ones to grant permission to hunt on the land and the landowner tags are meant to be compensation for the damage and work done to repair the land.</p> <p>Andy Monroe agrees with Dave Shivers. Makes a point that he feels that all LOA and their president's should have been notified much sooner so they could have prepared better and had their voices heard.</p> <p>Robert Ott thanks the RAC members for the opportunity to present. Presented data and information in regards to private land on the Paunsaugunt. Is upset that LOA's were not notified sooner about these recommended changes and there's hunter's they will absolutely not allow to hunt their private land.</p> <p>Gib Yardley wants to express that the president of an LOA was not notified with the information regarding hunts. Is upset with the DWR and their communication. Wants to see permit increases for elk due to the drought and damage being done on private land.</p>

	<p>Gary Gardner expresses that if these changes go through, a lot of LOA's will leave. Landowner's have a right over who hunts the land and they've been very good not restricting to much of their land.</p> <p>Doyle Moss the landowners for how great they've been and expresses frustration that no notification was communicated to LOA's regarding the recommended changes. Let the division know the DWR will lose a ton of landowners if this change passes. Loves how much money is raised for conservation through these LOA permits.</p> <p>Troy Justensen, SFW, has never been so torn over an issue. The true value of these permits is they are public. Landowners are upset with the number of permits they receive and the amount of money they receive and feel their land is better. If the Division were to do a count, it would err on the side of the landowner. The current system errs on the side of the public. CWMU is set up to reward the owners of large tracts of land – as it should be. Would support the division's recommendation with two caveats: 1) Set up a metric to measure if this is working for both landowners and the general public and 2) that the Division go to a Nevada style count. Count what is on the land and use a different matrix. Requests this go back to the committee and give everyone an opportunity to have their voice heard.</p> <p>Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, wanted to thank the Division and noted they have been good to work with. We need to remember the value of private landowners. It's irreplaceable when it comes to wildlife. Overall, we support the Division's plan and we would also support the idea of going back to the committee.</p> <p>Richie Anderson, Utah Cattleman's Association was asked by local LOA's in his area to do the research on this and facilitate a meeting with the LOA groups. This is a very good investment for the State of Utah and a way to promote good partnership with the DWR. Expressed that if the wildlife board passes this, their partnership is lost. Recommends they send this back to the committee, meet with the LOA's and give them another chance.</p>
<p>09:15:31</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>This is the forum for the public to participate and give input. This is a challenging, tough issue.</p> <p>The RAC members expressed appreciation for landowners and thanked the Division for attempting to revise and come up with a solution. There was concern that not all landowner associations were given the opportunity to give input. We need to be better about getting information out to the public.</p> <p>There are landowners that receive a permit every year and may as well be lifetime license holders. The public is drawing a tag every three years. The landowners are feeding a lot of deer. There may not be a rule that will be fair and equal for everyone.</p>

	<p>Unintended consequence may be landowners will drop out of the program and costs will go up for DWR to manage herds on these lands. This item should go back for further discussion before final decisions are made.</p> <p>There needs to be a sanctuary for some animals at least part of the year. There should be respect for privacy for landowners and a metric to evaluate if this program is working. Huge red flag if nearly half of the LOA's are talking about leaving the program. Would like to see some equality between what landowners receive and what the public receives. Need the same structure for LOA's that we have in place for CWMU's for public hunter's. We are not creating a plan, we are changing a rule.</p> <p>If our wildlife has value, then we watch and take care of our wildlife. Utah has had success in this area. Wildlife does not belong just to the private landowner, they belong to all of us. Private landowners are interested in a partnership and taking care of wildlife. There must be some benefit to the public hunter. There needs to be a better way rather than divide the land and the tags. We need to allocate the permits to where the usage is, where the deer are grazing. There needs to be some equity in how the permits are distributed.</p> <p>It is all of our duty as citizens and constituents to stay current on agenda items and topics that are going before the RAC's and Wildlife Board. We need more transparency, perhaps create a new website that everyone can easily access.</p>
<p>09:43:07</p>	<p>Landowner Rule Amendments – MOTIONS The following motion was made by Riley Roberts, seconded by Verland King. MOTION: I move that we reject the proposal as presented and recommend the proposal be revisited in order to gather more input. Roll Call Vote. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>09:52:22</p>	<p>Regional Presentation - Bicknell Bottoms WMA HMP (Informational) A pre-recorded presentations was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html Gary Bezzant discussed the presentation and answered questions.</p>
	<p>RAC COMMENTS:</p> <p>Brayden Richmond expressed his appreciation to everyone who attended and participated in tonight's meeting.</p>

	<p>Habitat Management Plan was presented to the Wayne County Commission and received favorable comments. It's been through the Habitat Council and the RDCC process. This is the last of the process.</p> <p>Wayne County was involved with the committee and DWR was able to find some middle ground so that all were happy with the final outcome. It was frustration from the County that helped push us into the rewriting of the Habitat Management Plan.</p> <p>Wayne County Commission and ranchers in the Bicknell Bottoms area where unhappy with the water backing up and the cattail overgrowth. A lot of grazing was lost because of that. Unhappy with the presentation as those with property in the Bicknell Bottoms had to really pressure the DWR into doing anything to improve the property.</p> <p>Bicknell Bottoms used to be Red Lake, probably a pretty substantial one, but has changed over time due. It's a sediment driven system.</p>
10:03:51	Meeting adjourned.

**Southeast Region RAC Meeting
Hybrid Conference
May 18, 2022**

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/FH6nAFmZMnQ>

RAC AGENDA – May 2022



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| 1. | Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair | |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair | ACTION |
| 3. | Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. | Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. | Conflict of Interest
- Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. | Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and
Air Rifle Recommendations
- Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. | Landowner Rule Amendments – R657-43
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |

Regional Presentations Only

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| SER | Gordon Creek WMA HMP
Kade Lazenby, Impact Analysis Biologist | INFORMATIONAL |
| SR | Bicknell Bottoms WMA HMP
Gary Bezzant, SR Habitat Manager | INFORMATIONAL |

Hybrid Conference
May 18, 2022
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The following motion was made by Eric Luke, and seconded by Lynn Sittrud and passed unanimously, 10/10.

- **MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.**

2. Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits and Air Rifle Recommendations

The following motion was made by Eric Luke and was seconded by Brad Richman, and passed, 8/2.

- **MOTION: to accept the Division's proposal to allow air gun hunting for fall turkeys, rabbits and hares, as stated, the acceptance of this proposal is contingent upon the legislature creating a conservation stamp, and the exception that the Division look at a maximum power/criterion for the air guns.**

The following motion was made by Dana Truman and was seconded by Steven Duke, and passed, 8/2.

- **MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.**

3. Landowner Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer and was seconded by Eric Luke, and passed unanimously, 10/10.

- **MOTION: To accept the proposal as presented, but include a system that measures the success of the program that includes feedback from hunters and landowners and meets intended goals**

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Southeast Region RAC Meeting
May 18, 2022
Attendance

RAC Members Attending

Kent Johnson, Chairman
Eric Luke
Scot Flannery
Sunshine Brosi
Dana Truman
Steven Duke
Charles Fisher
Brad Richman
Lynn Sittrud
Todd Thorne
Daren Olsen

18:33:00	RAC chair Kent Johnson called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members to indicate who attended the broadcast.
18:36:18	<p style="text-align: center;">Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Luke, and seconded by Lynn Sittrud and passed unanimously, 10/10.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes for the Southeast Region RAC meeting.</p>
18:37:00	<p>4. Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>Scot Flannery updated the RAC with Wildlife Board decisions.</p>
18:40:00	<p>5. DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Chris Wood updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
18:50:00	Conflict of Interest (Informational)
18:54:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Upland Game Management Plan and Air Rifle Recommendations (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
17:00:00	RAC Questions
19:04:00	Public Questions
19:04:00	Public Comments
19:12:00	RAC Comments
19:21:00	<p>The following motion was made by Eric Luke and was seconded by Brad Richman, and passed unanimously, 9/2.</p> <p>MOTION: to accept the Division’s proposal to allow air gun hunting for fall turkeys, rabbits and hares, as stated, the acceptance of this proposal is contingent upon the legislature creating a conservation stamp, and the exception that the Division look at a maximum power/criterion for the air guns.</p>
19:34:00	<p>The following motion was made by Dana Truman and was seconded by Steven Duke, and passed, 9/2</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.</p>

19:52:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Landowner Rule Amendments</u></p> <p>(Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
17:52:00	RAC Questions
20:30:00	Public Questions
20:50:00	Public Comments
21:12:00	<p>The following motion was made by Charles Fischer and was seconded by Eric Luke, and passed unanimously, 11/11.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: MOTION: To accept the proposal as presented, but include a system that measures the success of the program that includes feedback from hunters and landowners and meets intended goals</p>

Northeast Region RAC Meeting Agenda

May 19, 2022

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/cqblpkCW3Q4>

Tuesday May 19, 2022 6:00 pm

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Brett Prevedel, RAC chair | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Brett Prevedel, RAC chair | ACTION |
| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
– Brett Prevedel, RAC chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. Regional Update
– Miles Hanberg, Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Conflict of Interest
-Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits/Recommendation
- Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Landowner Rule Amendments—R657-43
- Chad Wilson Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act - Persons needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) for this meeting, should contact Staci Coons at 801-538-4718, giving her at least five working days notice.

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
May 19, 2022
Vernal, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Rebekah Jones and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of April 2022 Minutes

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Joe Arnold and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Northeast Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

6) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits/Recommendation

The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson, seconded by Daniel Davis and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.

7) Landowner Rule Amendments—R657-43

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden and seconded by Ritchie Anderson and passed 5-1.

MOTION: To table this vote and send it back to the board for further discussion.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 pm

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
May 19, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Brett Prevedel – RAC Chair
Natasha Hadden
Rebekah Jones
Ritchie Anderson
Joe Arnold
Tim Ignacio
Daniel Davis

Absent

Brad Horrocks
Mike Smith
Dusty Carpenter
Jeff Taniguchi
Dick Bess

Wildlife Board

Randy Dearth

DWR Personnel

Heather Talley
Chad Wilson
Covy Jones
Miles Hanberg
Dax Mangus
Randall Thacker
Derrick Ewell
Clint Sampson
Jack Lytle
Matt Fackrell
Ray Winsor
Eric Miller
Jake Greenwood
Torrey Christophersen
Tonya Selby
Ashley Greene
Rose Fedelleck

Total public: 75+

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
 April 5, 2022
 Springville, Utah
<https://youtu.be/L1tUjKmL9xs>

06:30:00	RAC Chair Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present. He explained the comment process and that there will be no live presentations during the meeting.
06:34:15	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Rebekah Jones and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.</p>
06:35:15	<p>2) Approval of Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Ritchie Anderson and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approve the last minutes as transcribed.</p>
06:36:40	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>RAC Chair Brett Prevedel updated the RAC</p>
06:37:00	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Miles Hanberg updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
06:45:23	Dan Abeyta-Ashley National Forest Service received a gift of appreciation for service on the RAC board.
06:47:40	Kyle Maynard Assistant- Attorney General Conflict of Interest-(Informational)
06:53:56	<p>6) Upland Game Management Plan, Fall Turkey Permits/Recommendation (Action) A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
07:01:00	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC members asked about hunting with air rifles.</p>
07:01:26	<p>Public online Comments</p> <p>Miles Hanberg summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Dan Abeyta-Concerned about predator control for upland game.</p>
07:02:53	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed air rifle use.</p>
07:10:53	

	<p>The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson, seconded by Daniel Davis and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept Division recommendations as presented by the Division.</p>
07:12:08	<p>7) Landowner Rule Amendments—R657-43 (Action) Chad Wilson discussed rule amendments for LOA's and talked about how the LOA rule started.</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
07:21:58	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>Members asked about liability for landowners, Kyle Maynard addressed this.</p> <p>Do landowners have discretion of hunters they allow on their land?</p> <p>Who can guide on LOA's? Can a hunter bring guests on LOA's? Will there be more hunting pressure? Will survey questions be developed and given to landowners as well? Will Diamond MTN LOA lose permits? Is this rule change voluntary? The purpose of LOA voucher was partly depredation, have they been effective?</p> <p>Chad Wilson and Kyle Maynard addressed these issues.</p>
08:05:30	<p>RAC Comments</p> <p>Brett talked about rules, big game vouchers and permit numbers given to LOA's, land access, and landowner abuse of rules.</p>
08:34:21	<p>Public Comments(in person)</p> <p>Most landowners-Strong opinion of the complexity of the rule and do not support this. Concerns of hunters' ethics and landowner liability. Landowners feel blindsided. Landowners feel the rule change will be detrimental. Landowners expressed concerns of the impact on land from public hunters. Don't fix what's not broken. Concerns of membership denial if landowners drop out of program. Concerns that landowners will continue to not let hunters have access, but supports division decision. Worried about personal safety and security.</p> <p>Q.-What happens to limited entry if 60% of landowners drop out of the association? What happens when landowners get big game on them if they opt out? Where did the division get the authority to do this? How much access to private lands do hunters get?</p>
10:02:00	<p>SFW supports this proposal with a couple of changes.</p>
10:13:50	<p>Public Comments (electronic)</p> <p>Letters read from public-strongly oppose.</p> <p>Miles Hanberg summarized public comments received online. Most Diamond Mountain landowners strongly disagree with this proposal. Concerns of landowners</p>

	rights. Don't want to open land to public, damage to their lands
10:20:34	RAC Comments & Questions Q- From the inception of this program, has it always been to allow public access on the LOA's? Is the variance for the whole LOA and why? And why only one landowner with a variance? How do we address liability now? Lots of discussion about the North American Wildlife Model, private property rights, public access, lands evaluation.
11:28:15	The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden and seconded by Ritchie Anderson and passed 5-1. MOTION: To table this vote and send it back to the board for further discussion.
11:30:00	Meeting adjourned.